[Mr. Varkala K. Madhavan]

(*b*) if they have not realised the whole of the arrears referred to, the amounts still left uncollected?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR: (*a*) The arrears of Land Revenue for 1113 and 1114 have not been realised in full.

(*b*) Rs. 84,646-20-0 relating to 1113.

Rs. 1,43,750-14-14 relating to 1114.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know from Government whether steps are being taken to collect the arrears of Land Revenue?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR: Yes, Sir.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know why they are not being realised at all?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR: In some cases people do not bid in auction properties sold for the arrears. In certain others, when lands are auctioned under the Revenue Recovery Act, only a portion of the amount or arrears is realised and the party concerned has no further land to be proceeded against.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: Instead of auctioning away the lands, may I know whether Government could not purchase the lands from the persons who have left the tax in arrears?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR: Government are doing that. But I may say that, that procedure will be adopted only as a last resort.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know from Government wherefrom the arrears have still to be collected?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR: From all parts of the State.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know from which place a major portion of the arrears has to be collected?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR: I think it has to be collected from all parts of the State.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether the Government are aware that the arrears are collected after issuing demand notice to the parties and after selling these properties in public auction? Is it not a fact that lands which will fetch a higher price are sold away for a nominal price?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR: No. The necessary precautions are provided in the Rules.

Currency Notes as tender in the State Treasuries.

58 ***MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether British five-rupee currency notes having holes or tearing in the centre will not be accepted as proper tender in the State Treasuries; and

(*b*) the rules relating to acceptance of such currency notes as are torn partly or wholly at the centre?

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MR. R. RAMA VARIER (*Deputy Accountant-General in charge of the Financial Secretary's duties*) : (*a*) The notes will be accepted provided the mutilation does not interfere with identification or suggest fraud.

(*b*) Article 492—Treasury Code :

Half, mutilated, mismatched or altered notes, and notes disfigured by oil or other substances in such manner as to render their identification doubtful should never be received in payment of Government dues or cashed. The holder should be advised to apply to the Currency-Officer for instructions regarding the procedure under which the value of such notes can, in some cases, be recovered.

Note 1. Currency notes with only a slight mutilation which does not interfere with identification or suggest fraud, may be received at the treasury and dealt with under Article 488. The features necessary for the identification of a note are, besides the numbers, which must, including the serial letters, be all intact, the denomination, the place of issue where indicated, the signature and the watermark.

Note. 2. Claims to the value of half or mismatched notes of a denomination not exceeding Rs. 10 will not be admitted by a currency officer.

Note 3. Defective notes should be stamped with "Half-note-Payment refused", "Mutilated-payment refused", "Mismatched-Payment refused", or "Altered-Payment refused", as the case may be, or such words should be written in red ink in large letters, before they are returned to the presenter.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM : May I know whether the rules relating to acceptance of currency notes having holes or tearing in the centre are still in force in all the treasuries of the State ?

MR. R. RAMA VARIER : Yes.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM : Are the Government aware that in North Travancore people do not generally accept such currency notes on the simple ground that they contain a pin hole in the centre ?

MR. R. RAMA VARIER : They have no information.

Match Factories in Travancore.

59. ***MR. CODIVEETIL C RAMANKUNJU** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the quantity and the value of matches imported into Travancore annually from the year 1112 ;

(*b*) the quantity and value of matches produced in Travancore during the years 1112, 1113, 1114 and 1115 respectively ; and

(*c*) the quantity and value of matches produced and supplied for local consumption and exported respectively during each of the years 1112, 1113, 1114 and 1115 by the various match factories in Travancore ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) A statement furnishing the information is laid on the table.

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* Vide Appendix III.

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